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SUBJECT: MTN: MAY 8TH MEETING OF AGRICULTURE GROUP

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1. IN PRIVATE MEETING OF NINE MTN DELEGATIONS ON MAY 6, PATTERSON RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER IT WOULD BE THE CONSENSUS OF THIS GROUP TO HOLD A MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE GROUP ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, AS SCHEDULED, OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO POSTPONE THE MEETING TO A LATER DATE (PERHAPS MAY 14). HE INTIMATED THAT A LATER DATE MIGHT BE MORE PRODUCTIVE IN VIEW OF THE REPORTED RAPPROCHEMENT OF EC AND US POSITIONS.

2. EC (LUYTEN) ARGUED IN FAVOR OF HOLDING THE MEETING ON
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MAY 8. LUYTEN STRESSED THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE TO INFORM

THE OTHER DELEGATIONS NOT PRIVY TO EC/US DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE STATE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS AND THE NATURE OF THE DIVERGENCIES OF VIEWS BETWEEN THEM.

3. US (KOENIG) STATED THAT IT IS CERTAINLY DESIRABLE TO INFORM THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURE GROUP ABOUT THE STATE OF PLAY BETWEEN THE US AND THE EC, BUT REMINDED THE DELEGATIONS THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE NEXT AGRICULTURE GROUP MEETING IS TO AGREE ON HOW THIS GROUP SHOULD ORGANIZE ITS WORK. U.S. IS SEEKING A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

4. A SUGGESTION BY AUSTRALIA (WARWICK-SMITH) TO POSTPONE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE GROUP TO NOT LATER THAN END OF MAY WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF RECONVENING IT EARLIER IF US-EC DIFFERENCES ARE RESOLVED, WAS REJECTED BY EC.

5. A RATHER TIMID PROPOSAL BY JAPAN (YOSHIKUNI) IN FAVOR OF POSTPONEMENT OF THE GROUP'S MEETING TO A DATE AFTER MAY 8 FOUND NO SUPPORT FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS.

6. PATTERSON, THEREFORE, CONCLUDED THAT THE MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE GROUP WILL TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED ON MAY 8.
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